

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-62 and 64-83 are currently pending. By this amendment, claim 63 has been cancelled without prejudice and claims 1, 64, 68-73, 75, and 77 have been amended. These amendments reflect the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("the Board") to reverse the Examiner's rejection of certain claims. Specifically, the Board has reversed the Examiner's rejection of claims 63-67 and 78-82, holding that the Examiner failed to make a *prima facie* case of obviousness for these claims.

Applicants have amended the independent claims to include the allowable subject matter of these claims, particularly claims 63 and 64. For example, Applicants have canceled claim 63, and added the turbidity range of 60 NTU to 600 NTU originally found therein into claim 1. Applicants have also amended claims 68-73, 75, and 77 to include this same turbidity range. As acknowledged by the Board, the prior art of record does not teach or suggest this element. Therefore, all the pending claims that directly or indirectly contain this element, i.e., claims 1-62 and 68-77 as now amended, are rendered unobvious over the prior art of record.

In addition, Applicants have re-written claim 64, which the Board acknowledges is not taught in the prior art of record, in independent form. Thus, claims 64-67 are also rendered unobvious over the prior art of record.

As the Examiner has not shown that each amended claim would have been obvious over the prior art of record, for at least the reasons outlined in the Board's Decision on Appeal, the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the claimed invention, as amended, is not rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicants thus request that the application be remanded to the Examiner for her reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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